

“The new courthouse is an investment in the future of our Valley that is already creating jobs and spurring economic growth for the people of Bakersfield,” said Costa. “Securing these federal funds for our communities is a key part of our fight to strengthen our Valley’s economy. I would like to thank the entire city of Bakersfield and our local leaders for working with me on this project, and I look forward to celebrating the official opening in 2012. This is part of our continuing effort to return our fair share of tax dollars that we send to Washington home to our Valley.”

Despite the critical need for a new facility, the U.S. Courthouse in Bakersfield lacked sufficient funding for construction until the Recovery Act awarded \$28.5 million to the project. The new courthouse will house a U.S. Magistrate Court and Chamber, the District Clerk’s Office, U.S. Marshals office, and U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services. The new courthouse is also unique in its state-of-the-art energy efficient design. Both the building materials and the actual construction are aimed at reducing energy costs and saving taxpayer dollars.

To date, the Recovery Act has invested \$462,779,140 in California’s 20th Congressional District. It has invested \$433,479,630 in Kern County.*

*Numbers taken from www.recovery.gov